

statute so that any fear that you have about both parties being of the same sex will be erased and that amendment is up there to be offered at the proper time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, I want to speak on a serious nature. I oppose the Committee amendments. I believe that seventeen is reasonable. I kept looking at the pages down there and I knew they couldn't vote so I took a poll and the pages said seventeen so I'm voting for them. I'm opposing the Committee amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to recommend that procedure more often.

SENATOR KREMER: I think we'd probably get more done.

PRESIDENT: The quality of our legislation would improve dramatically. Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I think on this issue we've had quite a discussion of what is a morally right age to marry and a more promising age and the older ages, undoubtedly, are more promising for successful marriages. I agree with this 100%, but the issue is whether we have more illegitimate children at the lower age. I urge you to oppose the Committee amendment. That is the issue as far as the law goes. It is not as to the proper age to marry, what is the most desirable age, but the age which people can marry and I would like to point out. Historically in this state, when you go back several generations, I think there are a lot of grandparents would have been illegitimate children of very successfully married families. If you go back about two and three generations in the history of this state, where a lot of the women got married at fourteen, fifteen and sixteen years of age in the history of this state and today we are setting by law, saying that those people today would be having illegitimate children. I think we're getting out of the basis of what we need to by law and the Committee amendments make it worse so I urge you to oppose the Committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bereuter. Senator De Camp, would you close on your motion to adopt the Committee amendments.

SENATOR DE CAMP: I'm urging everybody to reject the Committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: I know you're urging them to do that, but who is handling the Committee amendments?

SENATOR DE CAMP: Senator Barnett.

PRESIDENT: All right. Excuse me.

SENATOR BARNETT: That's all right, sir. We'll allow you one mistake.

PRESIDENT: Fine.

SENATOR BARNETT: All I'm going to say is it's been discussed and we have in front of you, the Committee